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Dirk Kempthorne, Governor C. Stephen Allred, Director

July 18, 2001

Ms. Beverly Cook
U.S. Department of Energy
Idaho Operations Office
850 Energy Drive
Idaho Falls, ID 83401-1563

RE: Pit 9 Dispute Resolution

Dear Ms. Cook:

Pursuant to paragraph 9.2(f) of the Federal Facility Agreement/Consent Order (FFA/CO) the Department of Environmental Quality has concluded that good cause does not exist to grant the DOE's February 26, 2001 request for extension of Pit 9 deadlines and DOE's March 16, 2001 Statement of Dispute.

Due to the timing of this decision and the various requests for extension that have been granted, I will issue formal findings of fact and conclusions by no later than July 23, 2001.

Sincerely

C. Stephen

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cc: Chuck Findley